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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. ATMOSPHERICS AND MEDIA REACTION:

PREMIER CHIANG ON TAIWAN'S DEFENSE

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-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S INTERVIEW WITH DR. GOTTFRIED-KARL KINDERMANN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS INSTITUTE OF MUNICH, PUBLISHED IN DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG JULY 30, FRONT-PAGED ALL TAIWAN PAPERS. CHIANG QUOTED EMPHASIZING: (1) DECISIVE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TAIWAN IN NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, (2) ROC DETERMINATION REMAIN STRONG IN MEETING COMMUNIST-ATTACKS AND (3) POSSIBLE MUTUAL ACTIONS AND APPLICATION OF MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND PEACE OF WESTERN PACIFIC AREA IF COMMUNISTS LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE.

-- LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 380,000) IN FOLLOW-UP EDITORIAL NOTED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE SALES WILL CONTINUE AND JOINT U.S.-ROC DEFENSE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY MAJOR COMMUNIST ATTACK. PAPER NOTED THAT CHIANG FULLY DISPLAYED FUNDAMENTAL ROC UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SELF-SUPPORT FIRST AND THEN SEEKING

OUTSIDE HELP. SINCE ROC STANDS AT PIVOTAL POSITION VITAL TO SECURITY OF FREE WORLD, ASSISTANCE WILL COME FROM ALLIES AND ROC SECURITY CAN BE MAINTAINED.

-- UNITED DAILY NEWS IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL ALSO SAW SHIFTS IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS PRC EVIDENCED BY: (1) CALL FOR REASSESSMENT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BY U.S. CONGRESSMEN, (2) JIMMY CARTER'S DISREGARD OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW AND (3) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALLING ATTENTION TO SINO-AMERICAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. PAPER CLAIMED THAT SINCE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED WHEN THERE WERE NO FORMAL U.S.-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IT THEREFORE HAS NO LEGAL FORCE AND NO U.S. PRESIDENT SHOULD ABIDE BY SUCH A "SHAMEFUL DOCUMENT."

-- GROC AND RELATED AGENCIES (I.E. PACIFIC CULTURAL FOUNDATION) CONTINUE INVITE WIDE RANGE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP STRATA, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC AUDIENCES. MOST RECENT GROUP INCLUDED DR. JOHN OSWALD, PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY; DR. FRANK L. HERFORD, JR., PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY; DR. MARVIN WACHMAN, PRESIDENT, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, AND DR. FRED BENSON, DEAN, COLLEGE ENGINEERING, TEXAS A&M. SOME ACADEMIC GROUP MEMBERS, INCLUDING WIVES, VISITED PRC WITHIN PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND EMPHASIS SEEMS TO BE ON OFFERING THEM IN-PERSON CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO SOCIETIES (E.G. IF TRAVELERS VISITED PRC UNIVERSITIES, THEIR TAIWAN ITINERARY INCLUDES HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS HERE).

-- CHINA TELEVISION (CTV) CARRIED SCENES PEKING RESIDENTS CAMPING IN STREETS, SHOTS EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN AUGUST 6 NEWS LATE EVENING SHOW. PIX ALSO CARRIED BY NEWSPAPERS, ALONG WITH EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE AND INEVITABLE COMMENTARY LINKING SERIES NATURAL DISASTERS CHINA MAINLAND TO IMENDING DOWNFALL COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. NEWS BACKGROUNDER COVERAGE ALSO INCLUDES "INTELLIGENCE REPORTS" RELEASED BY GROC SOURCES GIVING DETAILS SUPPOSED CASUALTIES, DAMAGE.

## 2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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-- WITH POST ENCOURAGEMENT, HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS (CIRCULATION 90,000) CARRIED TRANSLATION FULL TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY AMERICAN SPECIALISTS MELVIN KRANZBERG AND ROBERT SOLO IN SEMINAR "TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY" HELD UNDER USIS-EDN COSPONSORSHIP JULY 15. EDN, WHICH BLANKETS TAIWAN'S BUSINESS/FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, RAN TRANSLATION OF SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS AS SIX-PART SERIAL IN JULY 26-31 ISSUES. SERIES EVIDENTLY QUITE POPULAR; ONE

TRANSLATOR TOLD USIS MANY EDN READERS CALLED TO REQUEST  
ADDITIONAL COPIES OF SERIES OR TO COMMENT ON KRANZBERG/SOLO  
REMARKS. EDN PUBLICATION OF REMARKS GREATLY ENHANCED  
SEMINAR IMPACT, ORIGINALLY HELD FOR AUDIENCE OF 35 AT EDN  
CONFERENCE ROOM.

-- AMERICAN SPECIALIST GORDON WOOD GAVE TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL  
PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF BICENTENNIAL THEMES DURING AUGUST 4-7  
TAIPEI VISIT. WOOD LECTURED ON "AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY  
TRADITION AND THE WORLD" FOR CENTER AUDIENCE OF 85 IN TAIPEI  
BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES AUGUST 5 AND GENERATED LENGTHY AND  
INVOLVED DISCUSSION AS HE IDENTIFIED IDEOLOGICAL CHARACTER  
OF U.S. REVOLUTION AND CONTINUING IMPACT ON AMERICAN SENSE  
OF WORLD MISSION. ON AUGUST 6 WOOD GAVE SEMINAR  
PRESENTATION ON "SOCIAL RADICALISM OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION"  
FOR HIGHLY INTERESTED GROUP OF 25 AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSORS  
AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. SESSION PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE, WOOD  
DEFENDING HIS THESIS REVOLUTION BROUGHT SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION  
AS WELL AS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE WITH SOLID SCHOLARSHIP AND  
EARNEST ENTHUSIASM. WOOD'S INTERPRETATIONS OF AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION HELPED BROADEN LISTENERS' VIEWS HERE AND HE  
INTERACTED EQUALLY WELL WITH LECTURE AND SEMINAR AUDIENCE AS  
WELL AS IN LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS AT SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONAL  
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